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## The Show Will Go On UB Athletics On Life Support

by Jessica Han

"I am very happy to announce that the Board of Trustees voted to continue athletics," said university President Richard Rubenstein as students jumped for joy and displayed tears of happiness at the announcement in the auditorium of the Arnold Bernhard Center.

After several dark and cloudy days that mirrored students' thoughts of their future at UB, the sun rose unexpectedly on Friday, October 6, as the Trustees voted unanimously to borrow funds from a budget reserve and save athletics.

The commitment of \$29,950,000 from the Professors World Peace Academy (PWPA) for the next three years left a budget shortfall that threatened athletics. The move to borrow money from the third year of the budget plan was termed by Rubenstein "an entrepreneurial risk." To maintain a balanced budget — a critical factor in the school's upcoming accreditation review — the University must pay back the internal loan. The cost to cover an additional year of athletics is estimated to be between \$800,000 to about 1.6 million according to Neil Salonen, Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Mike Bisciglia, Chief University Relations Officer, will chair a fundraising campaign solely for the UB athletics. "We want to make sure athletics can be restored on a sound basis at UB. All of us together will work for this," said Rubenstein.

The committee will involve students, faculty members, and the 30,000 alumni in its fundraising effort.

"I was very much in favor of keeping the athletic program going," said Trustee member Dr. Henry Littlefield. "I couldn't see the University of Bridgeport without athletics."

According to President Rubenstein, every member of the board pledged to make a financial contribution. Three Trustees have already contributed \$22,500 towards the goal.

"If neither the alumni nor the community join with us in what we have already

started out of our own pocket, then in a year or two, we will have to say sorry, we can't do it," he warned.

The students played a major role

R. Nelson Jr. who supported his athlete girlfriend throughout the struggle.

"After we talked to the president,



Waiting for a decision that would change the life of many students around

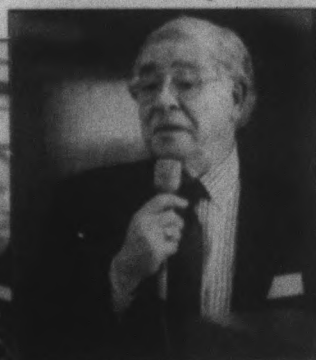
in saving the athletics program. Rubenstein said the most compelling argument that the students made was concerning the contract that they signed promising them that they could play sports at the intercollegiate level.

During a meeting with the President and the students in Bodine Hall on October 5, students threatened to take legal action if the athletics program was cut. "I spoke to an attorney and he said that there would be a case between the athletes and the University," said Leonard

students planned to leave the school if the decision was to cut athletics.

As the Trustees walked toward the elevator to go to the Tower Room, eager students posted signs that said "Without us there's no UB" and performed their sorrowful cheers.

During the Trustees' lunch break, students addressed the Board, strongly expressing their feelings about the importance of athletics in their lives. Junior Missy Glenn, captain of the women's soccer team, presented several ideas the students developed over the previous two weeks concerning fundraising. One of the ideas was to work with former UB basketball star and ex-NBA player Manute Bol. Glenn says Bol was "more than willing to



"I'm very happy to announce that..."

it seemed very negative," said Tiffany Dickey, a gymnast. "He made it sound like the decision was already made." She added that most of the stu-

come back to the University and do anything he can to help."

According to Rubenstein, PWPA will not give any money specifically for athletics simply because "they do not have a bottomless pocket." Rubenstein continued, "They have a limited amount of money and, like any other benefactor, they have a right to stipulate what they are going to give the money for."

Despite the budget crunch, by next year, the University will have a major program in languages including Japanese, Chinese, and Korean. The university is also committing funds for distance learning via the Internet, a school of international affairs, and expanded health program offerings such as oriental medicine and acupuncture.

"UB is turning into a school that is equipped for the global marketplace for the 21st century," said Rubenstein.

In the meantime, many at the university are breathing a sigh of relief. A faculty member said, "There would be a serious backlash if athletics were dumped. It would not be good publicity and the enrollment would drop dramatically."

"I am thrilled! We fought hard and I am very happy that they found a way," said Tara Borgstrom, a junior from New Jersey.

Athletics director Bob Baird said, "I applaud the students' efforts and for the members of the Board for understanding our needs. The sun is up and God bless all the students for their hard work."

Although the athletics are not rescued forever, hopefully as a UB community, we can make this decision a permanent one.

## \$17,000 Small Change?

by Markus Nottelmann

Seventeen thousand dollars is not exactly small change to an organization that only has a \$42,000 annual budget. And it looks as though it is also too much money for an organization that has a \$30 million annual budget. Student Congress, which controls money for almost all student-sponsored events on campus, is still waiting for the \$17,000 that the university promised for some of last year's activities.

The \$17,000 was allocated to different clubs and activities during the last semester. Allocations passed by Student Congress include money for the long-awaited yearbook (\$8,150), a badly-

needed large-screen TV for the Student Center (\$3,500) and equipment for The Scribe (\$940).

The current president of Congress, Nikolay Markov, commented on the situation, saying that "a memo is being sent to the president. He promised us that he will look into the matter."

Part of the problem is that Student Congress is dependent on the university for money and thus, like all other university departments, has to suffer the consequences of the university's tight budget. "The university has fiscal problems," says Janet Merritt, the Dean of Students. "There is nothing hurtful involved and the intention is to be fair to students. I am pursuing the issue

with the administration."

Interim Provost Michael Grant, who manages allocation requests from the various university departments, says that he is not sure whether all of the amount owed to Congress would be forthcoming. "Because of the tight fiscal situation, I cannot promise you that Student Congress will get all of the \$17,000. I am committed to paying all outstanding bills, but I won't make any promises regarding things that have not been purchased yet." Dr. Grant went on to say that "it is important to set the priorities right. If students lack equipment for their classes, they will have

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## News

## UB - Nothing More Interesting President Rubenstein Tells Students

by Anuj Shroff

In a recent meeting with a group of students, President Richard Rubenstein described UB as the most interesting university in America. "Much as you gripe about this place," he said, "I challenge you to find a more interesting university in America."

Organized by Student Congress, the meeting took place on Thursday, October 5, in the first floor lounge of Bodine Hall. President Rubenstein with Interim Provost, Dr. Michael Grant,

discussed various issues with the students and answered their questions.

Among other issues, a majority of students expressed their concern about the fate of the Athletics program. Even though the President acknowledged this concern as a valid one, he stated once more: "If I ever have to make a choice between Computer Engineering and Athletics, I will always opt for the

former." As it turned out, the President did not have to choose. The Board of Trustees decided on Friday, October 6, to retain the athletics program next year.

Answering a question on the deal with PWPA, the President described the agreement as a partnership approved by the Department of Higher Education. In return for the money, PWPA has the right to nominate 60% of the members of the Board of Trustees. According to the President, "Most of these are very, very distinguished academics. A few are people from Japan and Korea." The President, however, denied any affiliation with the Unification Church.

The President also stated that it is very difficult to find funds from sources other than PWPA. "The most important negative of going into a partnership with PWPA was that PWPA

dependence on our single funding source. PWPA had originally agreed to give the university a loan of \$50.5 million in 1992 over the next five years. But three years after the agreement, they have already committed a sum of over \$100 million to the university.

Replying to a student athlete, who raised the question as to why the university spent \$420,000 on buying the President a house when it could not afford to keep the athletics program, the President said that one of the things that was promised to him by the Board of Trustees was a house, since he had to sell his house in Florida to come here. As to living in Waldemere, he said that originally he had planned to stay in Waldemere, "but a number of people, both faculty and administration, warned me against staying there. I was also concerned about the security there, especially for my wife, since Waldemere is isolated from the rest of the campus."

Commenting on some of his accomplishments, the President felt that the university is finally on an economically sound position. Some of the new programs that he has been planning are the language program, which will soon be expanded to include pro-



The students had a lot to say and a lot to ask

grams in French, German, Spanish, Chinese and Japanese, a program in International Affairs and Distance Education Learning. Dr. Ganey, former President of the United Nations General Assembly and a visiting Professor at UB, is helping in setting up the program in International Affairs. Distance Education Learning will enable students to take courses on-line through the Internet. The President also expects to start a program in Oriental Medicine in a year or two. The President said that the university is spending more money on recruiting this year than last year. The average SAT score for this year is 100 points higher and the enrollment figure has gone up compared to last year. At the latest head count, the university had 1915 students.

The meeting provided a good ground for the students to interact with their President and discuss their problems with him. The President promised the students that he would look into their problems and try to solve them as best as he could. He also promised another meeting with the students in the second week of November.



The President answered questions about athletics, PWPA and UB finances

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### UB Loses a Great Lady

**T**INA MASTRI, Student Accounts Manager and Assistant Bursar died Monday, Sept. 25, of injuries from a car accident.

Mrs. Mastri was an integral part of the University of Bridgeport for more than five years. Described as friendly, amiable and outgoing, she will be missed by all who knew her. The UB community "has lost a good friend, an excellent friend," said John Polascik, the Bursar and a long-time friend of Mrs. Mastri.

Born in Lazzola, Italy, Mrs. Mastri lived in Bridgeport for most of her life. She is survived by three sons, two of whom attend UB, and many relatives.

The Scribe joins the entire student body of the University of Bridgeport in expressing our sincere regrets.

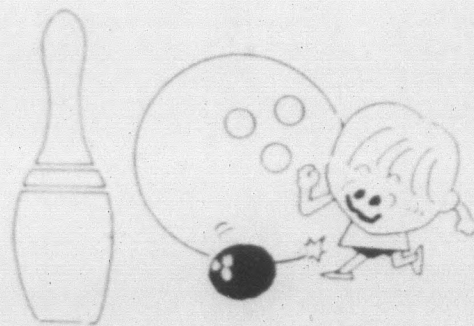


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## A Faculty & Student Tête-a-tête

by Monalisa Basu

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The event gave the students and professors an opportunity to meet outside the formal atmosphere within the four walls of a classroom. Among the faculty members present were, Dr. Bassett,

Prof. Todd, Prof. Choi, Prof. Kim, Prof. Tong, Prof. Chung, Prof. Coppolella, Prof. Brady, Prof. Greenspan and Dr. Mullings. To add to the festivity and social nature of the event, soda, chips, cookies and brownies were provided. The brownies had been very generously made by Prof. Todd's daughter.

Attendance in the event was not as expected. However, the faculty mem-

bers in general expressed their desire to see more events of the same nature in the future. "It's a wonderful idea. We don't do enough of such events. The students have to initiate them," stated Dr. Bassett, the Director of the School

of Business. Prof. Brady echoed his sentiments although he did add, "I expected the attendance to be more." Professor Chung felt that "such events provide a good opportunity

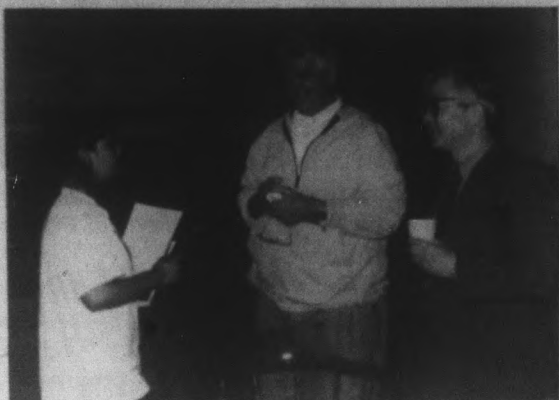
for faculty and students to meet each other. The faculty should therefore initiate it."

Moving on to the students, Nozomi Hayakawa, a junior Accounting major said, "I think it's a good opportunity to meet professors out of class." Bee Tsu Ling, a sophomore International Business major felt, "we should have more of these." The President of the Business Student

Council, Markus Nottelmann, stated, "hopefully we can have this kind of event more often, and perhaps we can expand these meetings to include some activities. Our next event will feature a prominent speaker from the business world and I hope many students will use the opportunity to get in touch with the real world."

On the whole, the event proved to be useful for those who attended it. It helped personalize the relationship between the students and the professors by providing an opportunity for the faculty and students to communicate on an individual basis. Some students utilized the opportunity to continue a previously concluded class session. Others used it to discuss more exciting issues. However, the event could have been more effective had the turnout been higher both on part of the faculty and on part of the students.

It is hoped that future events such as these will draw more faculty members and students. In fact, if you need more incentives to be present at the next event, Prof. Coppolella had a great suggestion. "I look forward to the next one where we will have hot Malaysian chicken wings and Italian Meatball grinders," he said. Hint! Hint! for the organizers.



Prof. Brady and Prof. Chung enjoying a conversation with a business student

### ATTENTION STUDENTS

The Financial Aid Office would like to extend a warm welcome to all University of Bridgeport students.

The Fall semester is moving quickly and we understand that you have been very busy. During the first two weeks of the semester, we were happy to see many of you who came in and completed the necessary paperwork for the Perkins Loan, Work Study, and Stafford Student Loan. However, there are still many of you who have not come in to see us at all.

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Once again, welcome to the University of Bridgeport and have a great semester.

## Electronic resources at Wahlstrom Library

WL Press Release  
edited by Anuj Shroff

Our very own Wahlstrom Library has a wide range of electronic resources to locate books and articles needed for research papers in any subject. The library, according to Head of Public Services, Andy Shimp, "has been expanding its electronic resources in-house and its electronic access to databases outside the Library."

The InMagic Online Public Access Catalog makes it easier to locate books in the library. To access this catalog there are three terminals next to the Reference Desk on the first floor, and one terminal in the Database Research Room on the first floor.

To locate journal and newspaper articles, the Library has both online and CD-ROM electronic databases. The Library subscribes to the popular CD-ROM database Periodical Abstracts Ondisc (PAO), which indexes over 1600 journals covering a broad range of subject areas, and the latest sixth month editions of the New York Times and the Wall Street Journal.

ERIC (Educational Resources Information Center), a CD-ROM database for education students, indexes over 750 professional journals in the field of education, as well as educational documents. The Wahlstrom Library is one of the few libraries in Connecticut which has a complete collection of educational documents on microfiche. For students researching topics related to Chiropractic, Dental Hygiene, and Nutrition, CD-ROM data-

base Medline could be very useful.

According to Mr. Shimp, Lexis/Nexis is the most popular online electronic service in the Library, providing access to over 1,000 full text sources and abstracts from over 2,000 additional publications, with a total of 200 million documents online. The Lexis portion pertains to law, whereas, the Nexis service includes business and current news. ABI / INFORM GLOBAL, a CD-ROM database providing abstracts from over 1,000 management, marketing, and business journals and many full text journals has recently been added to the Lexis/Nexis service.

An online electronic information service called FirstSearch is also available in the Wahlstrom Library. This service provides access to about 45 databases including one called WorldCat, the world's largest computerized card catalog containing merged catalogs of about 15,000 libraries worldwide, including over 27 million records. FirstSearch also includes databases specifically designed for doing research in education, business, engineering, biology, and biomedical subjects.

Mr. Shimp recommends students to attend a library instruction session or to ask the reference staff for assistance. He also encourages instructors to arrange library instruction sessions to focus on the research needs of particular courses.

So next time you have a research paper to write, use the Wahlstrom Library and call x4747 for more information.

### Dean's Open Door Policy

Dean Anthony Guerra

is instituting an open door policy on every Wednesday afternoon from 2:00pm - 4:00pm, first floor, Bryant Hall.

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*Kathleen Deyo's*

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# News

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priority."

To prevent a similar situation from arising in the future, student clubs and Congress were asked to prepare budgets for the 95/96 school year. The total budget of \$56,000, which was prepared by Joyce Lim, the treasurer of Student Congress, was handed to Dr. Grant by Dean Merritt last week. "I will look through the items in the budget," said Dr. Grant. "The figure for student activities in the university's budget is only \$42,000, so I cannot say that Congress will get all of the requested \$56,000. But I do understand that Student Congress is working on ways of raising money by itself."

However, this does not solve the issue of the outstanding money. Asked what would happen if the administration decided not to give Congress the money, Markov promised that "we [Congress] will insist on the money." It is hoped that this will have the desired effect, since \$17,000 are, after all, not small change.

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## What is Mr. Beecher still doing here?

by Monalisa Basu

During the month of February, when Valentine's Day feelings were still afresh in the atmosphere, a major catastrophe struck the University of Bridgeport. The University was in danger of losing its Title IV funds, and all financial aid accounts had to be frozen. Those responsible were immediately asked to resign by the President: the Dean of Admissions, Andrew Nelson, the Director of Financial Aid, Harry White and the Chief Financial Officer, Michael Beecher. While Mr. Nelson and Mr. Beecher were immediately asked to leave, Mr. Beecher stayed on and he's still here.

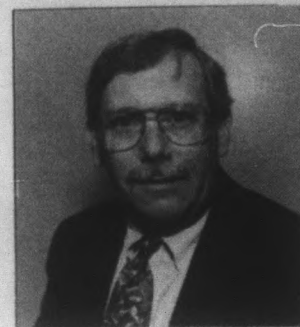
The question that is on everyone's lips is, "what is Mr. Beecher still doing here?" When this question was posed to President Rubenstein, his response was, "Mr. Beecher has done us a big favor by agreeing to stay on. Without him there would be financial chaos." He even went on to the extent of saying, "we're in his debt because he stayed on. He went beyond the call of duty. He is a man that I respect totally. I have nothing but praise for him."

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Apparently, Mr. Beecher's position is an extremely important one; one that isn't easily replaceable. Therefore it was impossible to bring in an outsider to do his job. Since he single-handedly managed the finances, there was no one from the University who would immediately step into his shoes. Hence, he was specially requested to stay on because without him, there would be total disarray in the finance department leading to total financial chaos. His title of course was taken away, he is no longer the Chief Financial Officer, but a Special Assistant to the President. In other words, his decision-making authority has been limited although the President still relies on his judgement.

It looks as if Mr. Beecher's part in the financial aid scandal was not as grave as that of the Dean of Admissions or the Director of Financial Aid.

According to Pres. Rubenstein, he did not give the matter as much of importance as he should have. He was, in fact trying to put out too many fires at the same time and missed one. According to an administrative member who wished to remain anonymous, "he did send a letter to the department of education asking for the limit of aid to be extended. He just didn't follow it up. Therefore he was negligent. But, there is no excuse for



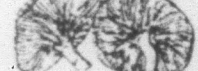
M. Beecher, former Chief Financial Officer

being negligent or careless when you have such an important position." President Rubenstein seems to think otherwise — "Mr. Beecher's part was not as great as the Dean of Admissions. If I blame anyone, I blame the Dean of Admissions. Mr. Beecher was not responsible."

Apparently, there is a possibility of hiring a new Chief Financial Officer. If that happens, Mr. Beecher would then leave in three months.

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## STUDENT POLL

How do you feel about the ending of the O.J. Simpson trial?



"I'm very happy that the trial is over. It took so much time. Right now it is not even important whether it was fair or unfair."

Ivan Barbalic



"Even though publicity affected the trial, it was fair... fair enough."

Dean Burchenson

"I'm very happy that O.J. was found not guilty. I think that the evidence the prosecution presented was not consistent."

Alex Drabam



"I feel happy for O.J. Dealing with two murders isn't fun. I'm so sorry for Nichole and Ron, but O.J. is free and that's the main thing."

Ricky Ford



"I'm from Yugoslavia. For us people from Europe it's ridiculous that a murder case took more than a year and millions of dollars."

Mijic Nemanja



"It's a good thing for the American people that he was found not guilty, because he is considered by many to be an American hero."

Mike Bilica

"I think the trial was rather fair. I don't think there's a possibility that his son did it. Everyone knows he was on drugs."

Tanya Dackow



"Finally a black man got justice for the first time in years. If someone didn't like it, that's too bad!"

Darryl McNeal



## The Scribe Applauds

- The UB students who were the protagonists in the athletics story. It looks like UB pride has not gone down with UB finances.



- President Rubenstein who proved that he is not afraid to "gamble" for the sake of this University.



"During my career as a professor and administrator, I've never worked for students more wonderful than these."

## Did You Know That...

The first UB mascot resulted from a contest run by *The Scribe* in 1935. The winner was the goose, the Lucky Bird, and runners up were the

turtle, the bulldog and the skunk.

The goose made its one and only appearance in the 1936 commencement edition of *The Scribe*. We have not heard from it since then.



## UB Briefs

- It is true that Barnum is kind of isolated and the people there can get lonely and "cold," but do they really need the heating on when it's still 70 degrees out?

- Does anyone know what Wallace Southerland III meant when he said "we (Residential Life staff) have to stop jumping for the students' requests?"

- When does safety become dangerous? When you have to get out of bed with your eyes half closed and run down a hundred something stairs in order to evacuate a building at 4 a.m. And why would anyone do that? Because the fire alarm system in Bodine Hall is allergic to anything that moves, breathes or boils.

- The elevators in Bodine Hall are a phenomenon. You really need to have a good sense of humor to appreciate how hilarious they are. Sometimes they just don't work, which is fine because then people appreciate them more when they do work.

especially those living on the eighth floor. And sometimes the elevators run express from the basement to the eighth floor without making any stops in between!

- Don't park outside Bryant Hall. The spaces there are strictly reserved. Reserved for who? Reserved in general. We know you are just dying to park at that particular place, but just think that there are a thousand people out there who would love to do the same!

- Rumor has it that there are more cockroaches than students living in Barnum. Of course we wouldn't know since most of us live miles and miles away from that part of the earth!

- We don't walk out through the back doors of the Marina Dining Hall anymore and we leave our bags outside before going there to eat. Now can you stop giving us the "pasta, pasta and pasta treatment?" There's only so much pasta you can eat in a week, even if the color is different every time!

## Free Guitar Lessons, Anyone???

The UB Christian Knights are organizing free guitar lessons for anyone who is interested in learning to play the instrument. These lessons will be given right after the weekly Christian Knights meeting in the Private Dining Room in the Student Center.

Gerald Lim, a talented and excellent guitar player will be conducting the

lessons. Recently, the Christian Knights purchased a brand new guitar for use at their weekly meetings.

The Christian Knights also recently began the process of acquiring a library of books for students' use. Books may be borrowed by any student.

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## Literary

## Mental

It's all about those "laws" that have you believe that a rainstorm is the same as drizzling; they have you believe that an answering machine without any messages is not abusive, and they have you believe that a wet towel can still be used after those long showers where you try to reach a level of catharsis. "How can you dry yourself with a wet towel?" you would wonder. You cannot. How can you just forget that you ended up standing on a Mental Edge? You cannot. How can you go swimming in the middle of January? And how can you call a "rape" as "making love?" That, you do all the time -- easily.



Eyes—large eyes—that could see behind and beyond our tiny, blind eyes. Eyes that don't want to "see you around." Eyes that are too pure to see the lack of adjectives. Stop trying to force any kind of glasses on them; you don't want their 3D reality to turn as flat as your reality is.

## The Third Dream

*I've seen somebody in a dream  
The one, who I still love and miss  
And I was either up to scream,  
Or dial a number overseas.*

*Was that a horrible mistake,  
Or an inevitable routine?  
The choice, which I was made to make,  
When I was only seventeen.*

*It was so simple far before,  
When I was totally in love  
I've traded everything—what for?  
Just to be something like "above?"*

*I've seen somebody in a dream,  
My thoughts were rough, my throat was sore,  
I did not call, I did not scream:  
I was not dreaming anymore.*

—Philip Petrusovich

## Non-Walkable Distances

You walk down hundreds of miles of streets that seem to have no real destination but a nice park that happened to be planted in your way, or a port that was never really meant to be built at that very waterfront of the city. It all has to do with the direction you turn when reaching some corners, or your loyalty to the signs that someone else—you don't know who—has put in your way in an attempt to discipline you.

And there you are, found at a temporary destination, always wondering though where you would have been found if you had made a left when reaching the corner of Angel and Warner Street, or where you would have been if those streetlights hadn't turned automatically on at 8 o'clock, same way as they do every single night, trying to make those autumn nights somewhat happier. At least those lights don't have to worry about what's going to happen to them—the only time when someone upsets their routine, is at the end of each season. It's all about a summer for them: Days that are getting longer shorten their daily life span. It's all about analogies that are set for some balance to be maintained.

So you keep on walking till someone jumps out of a corner, bumps into you, smiles and gets in your way without asking you. He thinks that a smile is enough. He shows you bright avenues with fancy neon signs all over the place, he shows you how to avoid the red lights, and how exciting it feels walking under the late August warm, unexpected rains.

And then BOOM! He decides that he should walk down some steps leading to an underground station, and just take off to go someplace at the other side of the city. He doesn't ask you if you want to go with him or not. Why should he? You weren't asked if you wanted him in your life in the first place.

But you just decide to forget about it, and keep on walking. Somehow though, you keep on forgetting that you have to stop when a red light is on, you keep on loving the bright avenues with their neon signs, and you still bless the sky for those late August unexpected rains. But it just doesn't feel right anymore.

You start wondering what would have happened if some "ifs" were not

only conditions in your head, but more part of the reality. And then you ask yourself if everything was only a well-set scene that you just recalled from a movie that your grandma had taken you to see, when she still cared about you. It just *doesn't feel right*.

Then you just try to get the story repeated, making abrupt lefts on corners, trying to force smiles on people's lips, trying to force them to stay outside and not runaway every time thunders are heard during a late August afternoon. No one seems to understand, since no one is willing to get out of his way in order for you to revive some memories for the sake of something that just still *doesn't feel right*. People want to create their own fairy tale, and not adjust to the one that somebody else forgot to tell you that is over—is it over?

So you go on, walking on those streets for months. You try not to dream while you're walking since you don't want somebody to accidentally step on those dreams. You make attempts to kill those dreams that long to be re-delivered in this life. You are afraid of what is going to happen to those same dreams when they come out and live for once more. All it takes is a reality check.

Maybe, though, you can be the one to be dreaming the wrong dream. Probably, it's reality that forces you to keep on dreaming that dream. As long as it is a dream though you are safe. But when you try to apply the dream into reality again, and you see—*again*—that it is not what you were expecting, you don't turn out to hate the reality that forced you to dream something that couldn't fit into reality itself; all you hate is the dream, and dreaming in general.

Actually, it is that vicious cycle of repeating that one standard dream that is impossible to let go as long as you keep on walking. Still though: Since the lightnings started splitting the sky into two earlier this summer scaring the streetlights that were enjoying the illusion of the long days, you decide to go down the steps of the next subway station in an attempt to make a more active pursuit of a "steady" path somewhere at the other side of the city.

—Vassiliki Albani



# Edge

## Prismatery Blue

### To Spend your Life Throwing Arrows

I think about him rarely now. Yet, he was once my strength, he was my hero. His features, his voice, his scent, everything that made his presence so meaningful to me is like a bad print on yellow paper in my mind. The only thing I remember about him is his expression when I went to visit him in the hospital for the last time. He looked like a man who had fought and lost, and was celebrating his loss together with his victories.

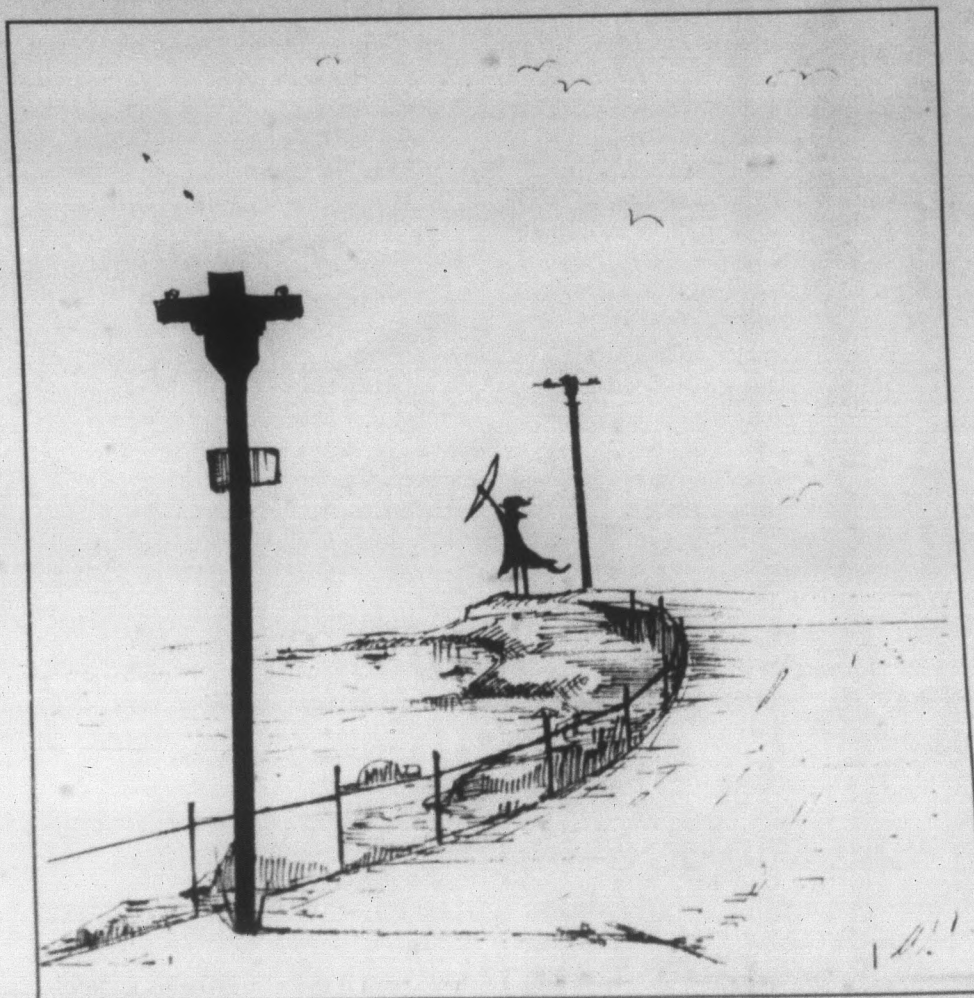
Grandpa and I made a hell of a team. It was us against the world. He never took me to church, he never taught me how to pray. But he taught me how to spell my name and how to draw little dolphins with blue pastels. He taught me how to walk, how to open some doors and close some others. Since then I've opened and closed many doors, and I've been trapped behind doors that I should never have opened. Since then, many people tried to spell my name and most of them got it wrong and did not even apologize for it. God, it's been a long time since then....

Every time I was feeling down, he used to take me to the sea pole. It was really a landmark placed on the edge of a huge rocky stretcher in the sea. He lifted me up and put me on the highest rock next to the pole, making me feel that I could reach up and catch a cloud in my hand. Then he gave me a little wooden arrow which he had made himself and told me to throw it away as far away as I could. I couldn't understand, at the time, why he was making me do that. There was no target for me to aim at and he never told me if I had thrown the arrow right or not. He just sat down at a distance and said "throw it away." And I did. I watched the arrow leave my hand, travel for a while in the morning mist and then fall down to be carried away by the busy waves until it was out of sight.

Once I was tempted to swim after the arrow and try to get it back, but he stopped me from doing so. "Let it go," he said with a tenderness that was almost inappropriate for the occasion. "Let it find its own way. . . . You will throw many other arrows in your life. You will touch them for a while, feel them, hold them close to your heart until you know its time to let go and then you will throw them away."

"So I won't get to keep any of the arrows? I'll lose them all?" I asked thinking that grandpa had to be kidding.

"You won't lose them, no. They'll always be yours my little one," he explained, but his answer made no sense to me.



I went back to the sea pole the night after he died. I struggled to climb up the highest rock; he wasn't there to lift me up anymore. Then I stood at my usual spot with my knees bleeding and my arms full of scratches and I looked at the water for hours, searching for my arrows. Somehow I was sure that at least one of them would come back. But none of them did. And I blamed the waves for carrying my arrows away, and I blamed the wind for making the waves and I defied God for making the wind and stealing my arrows and taking away grandpa. I was so mad I couldn't even cry. Since that day I've never been to the sea pole again.

And here I am now, standing at the edge of a mental stretcher with an arrow in my hand, trying to resist the urge to hold on to it until my fingers grow sore. In a while, I will once again feel the sweet sadness of watching it flow away for ever. My tribute to the sea, I guess, grandpa. But I still don't understand . . .

-Exie Andreou

### Tug of War

Give take? Take give?  
Rain pours. Flowers live.  
Love. Time. Mind. Space.  
Take give? Give take.

-Roseanne Gibson

Calling upon you  
Fractured lights  
Prismatery blue  
Darks and brights  
You only  
my eyes  
I don't feel any kind of thing  
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Oh why?  
Taking fumes of what  
and don't  
Feel  
Any kind of thing  
Prismatery blue  
If it run  
I'd fall parts  
Cause I don't feel any  
Kind of thing  
And you  
Caused it  
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Traces of you  
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Now I feel  
and you  
don't feel  
any kind of thing  
Prismatery blue

-Brandy Devoid

I cry too loud but let me be.

I count much less than those that run along the street.

The eclipses that once eloped to Mansa Musa's golden road,  
Come down confused, expecting me to Mecca go.

The light does carry time within its paw,

But I forget, forget, forget....

I run with passion like the rock that's carried by the stream.

The fishes swell and gurgle my regrets.

The spumes that surface to enhance the black wings of my soul,  
Bring out the coward in me.

Stars don't dwindle, they but fly.

I know I've always asked a second chance,

But now my heart keeps thumping loud.

My head begins to grow like green-black spotted melons,  
round and oval shaped.

I am and feel deformed.

This virgin womb that moves unasked:

It cradles early and it maddens with delight

From its torture and inexhaustible kicks.

I'd like to know how come it's me that has

To bear this child with unearthly pains.

How can it be that I be void of pleasures now,

For this ungreatful earth?

There must be something wrong....

I never asked to act as priestess to enlarge this world.

I'd like to see the doer of this chauvinistic deed,

So he can see how I grab men and turn them into dust.

-J. Alexander



## Campus Life

## WUBN – UB's Radio Station Re-Opens for Students' Communication

by Sharon Loh  
& Ana Kleshelskaya

Watch out UB, here we come! This seems to be the enthusiasm of WUBN, the newest organization at the University. WUBN, (University of Bridgeport Network), the soon-to-be radio station on campus, was recently acknowledged by the Student Congress and so far, students are looking forward to it.

Many probably wonder how the whole issue came about easily. Most things on campus, as known, are started off by Bob Bolduc, the Program Coordinator of the University. At the very beginning of this school year he went to see Harry



Harry Minot from WPKN

Minot from WPKN (Purple Knights Network), the previously existing university broadcasting station, about reorganizing a school network. The whole idea of having an on-campus radio station was for promoting the university, clubs and organizations: spreading out the news of sports, upcoming events, pub nights, homecomings and other on-campus activities. But Bob found out that WPKN is no longer affiliated with the University itself and is at present just renting space. That's how the end of WPKN became a starting point for WUBN. The

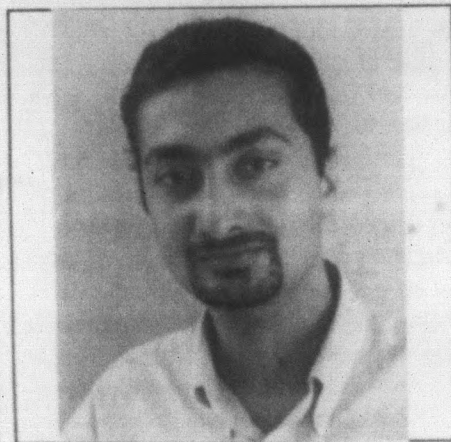
WPKN transistors are going to be moved into the newly opened dorms with a little extra set up costs of CD-players and mixers, which would make the new WUBN a low budget on-campus

radio station broadcasting in Barnum, Bodine and the Student Center.

Luckily the initiative was quickly put into action by Shehryar Hamid, who is the new president of the radio station. In his mind the primary purpose of WUBN is to inform about and promote on-campus activities; secondarily—to entertain: music, on-line surveys, comedy nights and talk-shows. As suggested by the 10 first registered members, the number of which has gone up to 45 on the registration sheet, the nature of UB is so internationally broad that there could be Japanese, Serbian and Russian nights. You might even get lucky enough to catch an English speaking show!

However, according to the President of the Organization, "Sherry," as everybody calls him, WUBN would be able to start broadcasting, hopefully by mid-November. As he puts it with a quotation from

Confucius: "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step". Sherry is now mainly concentrating on merely rigging up the broadcasting system. Allocation for funds has been approved by the Student Congress and the organization is also trying to raise money from the Parent's Association. Nevertheless, the organization has come across its first few hurdles. SNET was not very cooperative when asked to rent a transistor for the broadcasting. Shehryar Hamid and his vice president Igor Kolesnikov have been continuously attempting to seek help from SNET staff, but have always come to a dead end. Other alternatives, such as buying our own transistors, are also being taken into consideration due to this



Shehryar Hamid, WUBN's President

## SCUBA meets AmeriCares Always on the Verge to Help

by Victoria Abakumova

"For every dollar you donate, we send more than \$40 for medical aid," says Neil Gleason, the project director for operations, for AmeriCares.

The SCUBA, Social Cerebral Society of the University of Bridgeport, hosted Mr. Gleason, the executive of AmeriCares, who gave a presentation about his charity institution's aid projects, at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 4.

AmeriCares serves as a strike force that can offer immediate relief to the victims of natural and man-made disasters. It is one of the first private charity groups to arrive on the scene of the

catastrophe with literally tons of relief supplies— in Rwanda, in Poland, in the former Yugoslavia, in Kuwait, and in Uganda.

AmeriCares was founded by Robert Macauley in 1982. It consists of a paid staff of about 50 people, and the rest are volunteers. The existence of this unique group is based on donations. AmeriCares does not receive any funds from the government. The benefactors come from various American companies.

AmeriCares gets free medical goods and receive help from people all over the world. Furthermore, AmeriCares solicits and sends out goods such as toys, sweets and subsistence goods for

needy children.

Unlike other charity groups, AmeriCares is always at hand to help anyone. Religion, nationality, and political status do not matter here. Through the years, AmeriCares distributed over one billion dollars in donation goods and sent their staff to the hot spot of our planet for the good of human kind, not for any award or praise.

The SCUBA meeting was a discussion of global relief effort. Scuba is a society in which people enjoy each other's company. The main idea is to have an opportunity to discuss different issues, meet interesting people and enjoy a warm and friendly atmosphere.

problem. Besides, even though WUBN would get an allocation from Student Congress and hopefully the Parent's Association, the total amount is still insufficient. Sherry indicated that the organization would be happy to welcome other associations that are willing to help out with the funds. If worse comes to worse, the organization is more than willing to start up fund raising.

With the help of advisor Janet Merritt, WUBN was decided to be stationed at John J. Cox Student Center for its broadcasting office. The thought of it being at Bodine Hall had been considered as well but was soon dismissed as there are no promises on what the future holds for the building: whether it would continue to stay open or not. On the other hand, the Student Center will continue to stay open and, on top of that, it is where students are encouraged to go to for social events. The planned broadcasting hours are from 9pm to 11pm, 7 days a week. Besides, the Student Center would be a neutral ground for the staff to work at. There is no shortage on staff in this organization as the response has been good.

Students are very excited about the news of WUBN broadcasting soon. However, we must take note that it will be in a trial and error period for the next few months. According to Shehryar Hamid, WUBN would only be fully established by the middle of next semester, or as Bob Bolduc said: "By April, you'll know what WUBN is all about." After all, the basic intention of the whole idea is to provide a way for students to get in touch with each other as well as with on-campus activities. So, let's give it a try, or as the saying goes, "Full steam ahead!"



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## Bodine Hall's BBQ Gathers a Crowd of Thunder

Despite the fact that many students had already gone home for the long weekend, the Bodine staff organized a barbecue for the students at UB on Saturday October 7th at 4 p.m.

The whole day, the University had been a calm refuge for those of us who had no place to go, or who had decided to stay and catch up with some of the procrastinated homework.

As announced in the flyers previously posted in walls around the hall, at 4pm sharp, David Erdner, an RA, was conspicuously standing with a small grill, some bags of chips and bottles of soda in the East wing of Bodine, and had already put some hot dogs to burn.

Groups of five or six people approached for a quick grab on their way in or out of Bodine Hall. Apparently, either the cold was too rough for people to venture out of their rooms, or else, nobody was feeling hungry yet.

It was at 4:30p.m., the time at which the majority of hunger-driven people began to move on their every-

day peregrination to Marina. But they found a solution. In what seemed to be no time at all, a long line of white-plastic-plate-on-hand people formed in front of him, each demanding to be the first to get served.

A lively crowd at the BBQ scared the hell out of Erdner, who thought a tornado had come to Bridgeport. He commented, "No one was here for a while, then it got really busy. And suddenly no one was here and then we were busy again. I find it hard to describe in one single sentence."



Where's the beef?

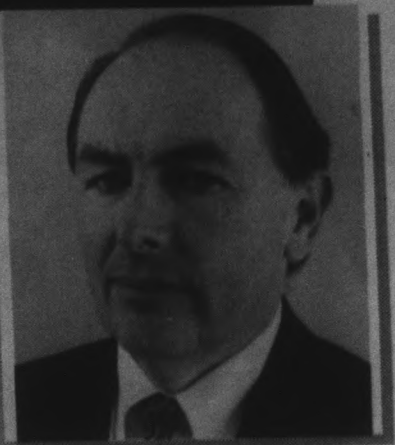
Somebody complained that the BBQ should have been programmed for midnight, when hunger strikes again and the delivery places are all

closed. This same guy pointed out that on doing this there would be the advantage of reducing the chances of being woken up at dawn by another hungry person burning toast in the kitchenette (reason #1 for the fire alarm in Bodine.)

Residents of Bodine, sincerely thank Bodine staff who worked hard to make this first Bar-B-Q on campus!

## SPOTLIGHT

**Michael J. Grant**  
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What is the one thing you cannot live without?

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If you could change something about yourself, what would it be?

To be less aggressive

If you were not here, where would you like to be?

Walking the Appalachian Trail.

If you were not the Interim Provost and the Dean of Faculty, what would you like to be?

A member of the Psychology Faculty.

If you could play the leading role in the remake of a movie, what role would it be?

Robert Redford in "The Natural."

What is the best thing someone said about you?

That I am fair.

What is the worst thing someone said about you?

That I am always late!

What is the most effective thing to get you angry?

When one makes fun of someone else.

Where do you see yourself a few years from now?

Walking the Appalachian Trail.

If you could dedicate a song to President Rubenstein, what would it be?

"Thanks for the memories,"  
Bob Hope's theme song.

## The Party That Never Occurred

by Victoria Abakumova

"I think the party is cool, but I don't see anybody here and I'm scared," said Denis Pasenkov, a sophomore.

Natalia Dmitrieva had a different opinion about the DJ party held in the T-Maria on Friday, Oct. 6. "Nobody was there even though the party started at 9 p.m. Basically, the party was bad, the same music as always... It's not going to work this way."

The mid term dance party sched-

uled to relieve stress off students turned out to be a real disaster.

The picture looked pretty sad: Two DJ's dancing to cheer up the few (actually three) "party animals" and Jim Segneri, one of the managers of the T-Maria Cafe, had face expressions that was saying "I've had better days..."

There were few reasons for the failure of this party. First of all, most of the students went away for the fall break. Secondly, perhaps, the students were too tired after mid-terms and did not have the inspiration for dancing.

And lastly, the admission of four dollars bewildered the ones that may have wanted to come.

As the flyers said, "\$4 admission, you will get three beverages." That is alright for those who are over 21 and can drink beer. However, there are also many students who are under 21. And it's not clear why they should drink soda for the same amount of money.

Obviously this was not the best day for a school dance party. Hopefully, the next party will work out fine.

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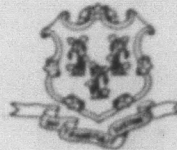
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# Campus Life





# A Success Story

*These are some of the battles the Purple Knight has fought and won during its life at UB*

## 1941-42

- Men's basketball team, then still Junior College of CT, won 13 and lost only 1 game. (For the first time the team had five cheerleaders)



## 1953-54

- Basketball team wins the New England National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics crown.

## 1955

- UB men's soccer team, along with Penn State, ranks first in the nation.



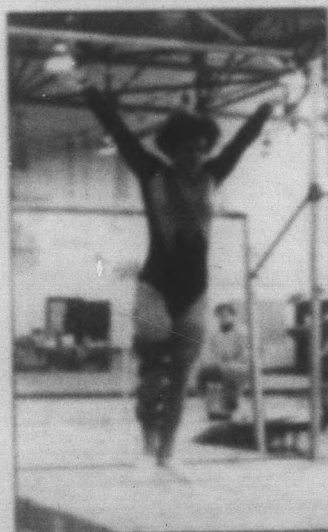
## 1972

- Football team has the best year ever. With the win in the Knute Rockne Bowl it extends the nation's longest collegiate winning streak to 21 games.

- Men's basketball team reaches NCAA Division II quarter-finals.

## 1979

- First NCAA Division II Final Four appearance by men's basketball team.



## 1985

- Gymnastics team - ECAC Division II champion. They capture the title also in '87, '89 and '90.

- Gymnastics team wins the NECC title and ranks fourth in the nation.

Women's basketball goes back to the second consecutive NCAA tournament.

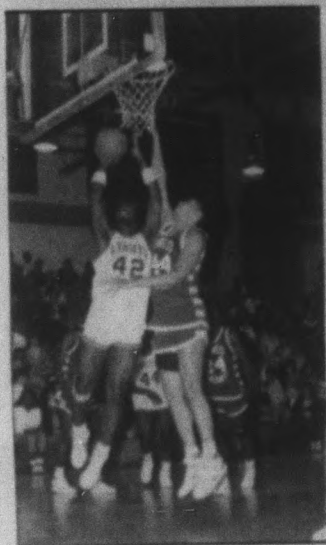
## 1995

## 1947-48

- Campaign demanding a football team starts at UB. The Board receives student petitions (about 750 signatures) and establishes a Special Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics.
- March 16, 1948: rally, preceded by a parade, is held at the Klein Memorial Auditorium to support a football team.

## 1949

- Football team's first season ends with an exceptional for the first year 4-4-1 record.



## 1962-63

- Baseball team goes 13-8 and takes part in the New England NCAA tournament. Miles McLaughlin pitches a no-hitter against Hunter College. He had 14 strike-outs, and walked six.

## 1965-66

- First season for the men's basketball coach Bruce Webster. The team makes one of the greatest comeback rallies in college basketball history. Down at the half 44-18 to arch rival Fairfield, the team bounces back from certain defeat to win 88-87.



## 1991

- Men's basketball goes to Div. II Championship Game, and also returns there a year later.

## 1993-94

- Women's basketball team wins the NECC and makes its first NCAA tournament appearance in the last five years.

## Alive to Hope

by Santa Puce

Ricky Ford, a freshman walk-on on the men's basketball team, shook president Rubenstein's hand and got an invitation to the Board of Trustees meeting that decided the destiny of the Purple Knights. Just moments before, Ford had made an emotional speech in favor of athletics at UB and its significance to the domestic students in particular. What would he say to the Board?

"It hurts me a lot," says Ford, a communications major. "If I talk, there is no guarantee I will change anything, but I know I will make them think."

Ricky didn't talk the next day. The others did. But he surely started a battle that clearly stated that students want their sports, that they deserve it, and that they will never give up a fight for their rights.

Athletics is back at least for another year. And it's hard to say who won the battle. Or is there a winner at all if nobody is defeated? The future will largely depend on to what extent the administration is willing to work together with the students. If hide-and-seek games go on, there is no hope for survival. We need to be kept in light of what's happening. Even if it's a little light, even if it's the size of a torch. Then at least we have an idea of what the problem is. The students proved they could find a light even without it being handed to them. But would you like to see again what it takes to get to it? What it really takes to not only find a torch, but to also light it up.

Where do we want to go from now, and how do we get there?

An Athletics Review Commission was appointed. It sees athletics as "central to our future." The desire to improve campus spirit was a chief concern.

A successive sports program must achieve the following goals:

- bring ongoing recognition to the University,
- assist in student recruitment,
- improve campus spirit,
- increase alumni involvement,
- provide valuable educational experience for the student athletes.

In defense of these goals, the Commission points out that:

- 50% of local UB news coverage comes from sports activity,
- there is a "follower" effect generated when a given high-school athlete enrolls at UB,
- students who cannot release tension via athletics or other activities will fall into boredom, vandalism, drug/alcohol abuse or other disruptive behavior,
- for alumni, winning athletic teams are the chief post-graduation rallying point,
- athletics provides a meaningful opportunity for the individual participant to gain identity, practice leadership, and learn teamwork.

From UB Long Range Plan,

Approved by Board of Trustees on October 16, 1985

*"The payoff for our spirit, our guts, our never quitting attitude in all our sports was the standing ovation we received when we were given our letters before the student body. The seasons were not lost. We won character. All of us. If we left a legacy for future Bridgeport teams, it was our consistent demand for respect, whatever the score."*

-Ben Sternberg  
Football Team Captain, 1929



## Sports

# Knights Return After the Fumble

**UB** baseball players will have a chance to grip their bats stronger, soccer players tie their cleats tighter, gymnasts make their landings more clear, and basketball players boost up the audience with breath-taking plays. And they will all have a chance to keep their heads raised higher and prouder than ever, to represent their school: UB.

No more question marks will be put for the survival of athletics. Not for this year, and, at least, not for the following - 1996-97. On October 6, the Board of Trustees decided to borrow \$800,000 from the reserve contingency fund to save the athletic program through the next season. The rest of the \$1.7 million needed would hopefully come from the fund-raising campaign that was established and went in effect immediately.

The athletes' determination about the survival of the program was so intense that it not only saved it for the next year, but possibly initiated a long-lost relationship between the students and administration. "I think that the Board realized that these things could be done if everyone worked together," said Rubenstein, who didn't have to make a recommendation to cut the program.

Loud cheers filled the Theatre of the Bernhard Centre as the president made the decision official. Here are some of the responses from students, athletes, board members and the faculty, shortly after the announcement:

## Students

"This was the only wise move they could've made. However, the university will have to step on its feet first. Once it happens, there will be money for athletics".  
*Nikolay Markov, the President of the Student Congress*

"I am very glad. The university would be incomplete without athletics. It is an important part of the learning process. This is the best decision we could have taken".  
*Monalisa Basu, a junior*

## Athletes

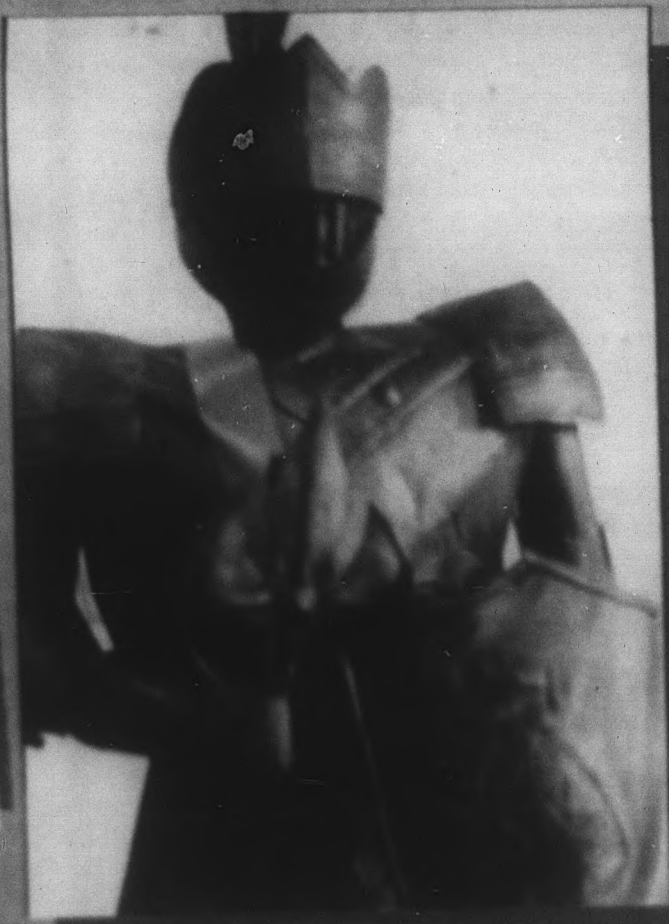
"All universities need athletics. Without it this university would not be worth while to attend."  
*Kelli Muglin, Gymnast*

"I was ecstatic. I was thinking of transferring, but now I've changed my mind. About fundraising, if we work hard we can get the money."  
*Lauren Geerds, Softball Player*

## Faculty & Staff

"I am extremely happy. The board was very supportive and the final decision was unanimous. The support of students was amazing."  
*Donna Phillips, Professor of Human Services*

"The school's pride and spirit was reborn today. So much of our greatness has come from sports, and you couldn't just eliminate the the backbone of our past."  
*Bob Bolduc, Program Coordinator*



## Coaches & AD

"Christmas came early this year: October 6th. It's great! We're looking forward to working together."  
*Bob Baird, Director of Athletics*

"I'll do the damnest to get money for these ladies."  
*Dick Terry, Assistant Gymnastics Coach*

"I am already recruiting the players."  
*Joe Barroso, women's soccer*

## Trustees

"I can't see the university without sports. We are confident that we can raise the money if we all work together".  
*B.V. Brooks, Chairman, Brooks Community Newspaper*

"You (students) had very powerful arguments. Some would work, some wouldn't. But we will solve it together. We do care, and we love you".  
*Morton A. Kaplan, Prof. of Political Science, U. of Chicago*

## President

"Students reinforced us to make a choice in favor of athletics. I go behind the alumni to appeal to the community to help in raising the funds. The Gamble that is involved is the gamble that we have to make. But we believe we can make it."  
*President Richard Rubenstein*